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KAPPAB ACTIVATION BY PEPTIDES  
DESIGNED TO DISRUPT NEMO  
OLIGOMERIZATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication dated December 1, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.